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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed August 19, 2009, Applicant submits herewith the Statement of Substance of Interview (telephonic) held on August 4, 2009 with Examiner Robinson.

Examiner and Applicant discussed proposed Claims 19, 30, 33, 37, 38, and 40 and cited prior art reference U.S. 4,559,934 to Philipp.

Specifically, Examiner and Applicant discussed proposed Claim 19 and the Examiner indicated that the originally filed application specification supported Claim 19.

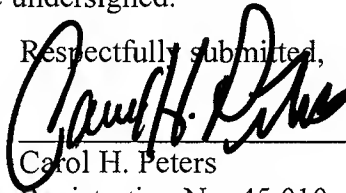
Examiner and Applicant also discussed generally the proposed limitation to applying a material to the compression stocking so that the material impregnated the compression stocking

and formed, when cured, a bond between the rib and compression stocking. Examiner indicated that this process is known in the art, but could not substantiate this allegation by referring to any prior art reference applied previously by the Examiner or any other prior art reference.

In addition, Examiner and Applicant discussed proposed Claim 40 and Examiner noted that the application specification did not provide support for the proposed limitation to "applying the silicone elastomer to the compression stock as two or more layers of silicone elastomer" and, more specifically, did not support "two or more layers."

Should the Office or the Examiner have any questions concerning Applicant's Statement, the Office and Examiner are invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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